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Application No.: 09/820,834 Confirmation No.: 4476  
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Title: ANCHORING MEMBER FOR A SUPPORT POST  
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AMENDMENT E

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings being on page 6 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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